#### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN – APRIL 11, 2011**

# I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Alex Vispoli called the Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Selectmen's Conference Room at the Town Offices. Present were: Chairman Vispoli and Selectmen Mary Lyman and Brian Major. Also present Town Manager Reginald S. Stapczynski. The meeting was duly posted and cable-cast live.

### II. Opening Ceremonies

Chairman Vispoli asked for a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### III. Communications/Announcements/Liaison Reports

The Town Manager made the following announcements:

- Reminded residents about the Good Neighbor Policy please cleanup the Winter debris and litter around your yard and on your street.
- The League of Women Voters will hold a Town Meeting Review of Warrant Articles on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Selectmen's Conference Room and a Budget Forum on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at Memorial Hall Library.
- Wayne Loosigian forwarded an email to the Town Manager expressing his thanks to all the members of the Town Boards and Committees instrumental in the process to incorporate his parents farm on Blanchard Street into a sports complex.
- ~ There is a Working Foreman's position vacant in the Department of Public Works and he would like to have the position filled before Summer.

Selectman Major reported the Tri-board Budget Sub-committee will meet at 7:00 A.M. on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at which time they hope to have a full resolution for Andover's budget. The Board of Selectmen will meet on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. and the School Committee on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M.

Mr. Major recognized the Town Manager and Town Department Heads for their forward thinking to solidify snow removal contracts prior to Winter 2011 unlike other towns that spent considerable dollars for snow removal — Andover's expense was minimal in comparison.

### IV. <u>Citizens Petitions and Presentations</u>

The Friends of Andover Dog Park updated the Board on the status of the Dog Park. Andover's Animal Control Officer Wayne Nader distributed a footprint of the area which is near Bald Hill, approximately 15,000 sq. ft. in size and endorsed by the Conservation Commission. The Dog Park will be enclosed by a chain link fence with parking available. The Dog Park will be open year round and offer a safe area for pets to socialize off leash and Andover residents to become more acquainted with the Conservation Trails in that particular location. The Friends of Andover Dog Park submitted the proper paperwork to be established as a non-profit organization, they have received numerous donations and are planning for a fundraising event. The donations will be used to cover the cost of fencing and other expenses.

The Rules and Regulations for the Dog Park will be provided to Officer Nader, clearly posted at the site and approved by the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen. In regard to liability, if "your dog" creates the problem, you own the liability;

the person who uses the park is at risk, not the Town.

Chairman Vispoli thanked Alix Driscoll of the Conservation Committee for working with the team and Officer Nader for his commitment to seeing this project come to fruition.

On a motion by Selectman Major with a second by Selectman Lyman, it was voted 3-o for approval of the outlined area presented, given some structural variables, for the use of a Dog Park.

# V. <u>Regular Business of the Board</u>

A. Future Meeting Dates

The Board scheduled future meeting dates for Monday, May 9th and Monday, May 23rd.

### VI. Consent Agenda

A. Appointments and Re-appointments

On a motion by Selectman Major with a second by Selectman Lyman, it was voted 3-0 to approve the following appointment recommended by the Town Manager:

DEPARTMENT	POSITION	RATE	EFF. DATE
INFORMATION SYSTEMS			
Paul J. Puzzanghera	Chief Information Officer	M-3 - \$109,62	5/2/11

# VII. Adjournment

On a motion by Selectman Major with a second by Selectman Lyman, it was voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee DeLorenzo, Recorder

Documents: Footprint of the Dog Park